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September 27, 2010

To: Supervisor Gloria Molina, Chair
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From: William T Fujioka
Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fujioka", is written over the printed name and title.

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IMPACT OF THE STATE'S EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM – AUGUST 2010 (ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO, AGENDA OF MARCH 2, 2010)

On March 2, 2010, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to provide monthly reports on the impact the State's prison and parole reforms have on the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff), Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Department of Health Services (DHS).

The following is a summary of the impact the State's prison and parole reforms have had upon our County departments since the implementation of Senate Bill X3 18 on January 25, 2010:

Department of Mental Health

Individuals Currently Residing in Los Angeles County Reclassified to Non-Revocable Parole (NRP) Status

Between January 1, 2010 and August 19, 2010, DMH outpatient facilities treated a number of individuals whose services were terminated by Parole Mental Health facilities as a result of the reclassification of their parole status. Until DMH receives identifying information regarding this group from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), this number should be considered an estimate as it is based on the self-report of individuals who disclose the information when they initiate a request for service.

Mental Health: Level/Type of Service	Cumulative Client Count	Cumulative Costs (1/1/10 to date)
Outpatient Clinics and Countywide Resource Management	255	\$ 507,338
Medication Costs for Unfunded Clients	101	\$ 63,674
Inpatient Admissions	221*	\$ 2,220,968
Institutions for Mental Disease Admissions	29*	\$ 212,040
Total		\$ 3,004,020

*Represents total number of admissions, not unduplicated clients.

Sheriff's Department

The table below represents monthly resources dedicated to NRP during location searches, parolee contacts, and parolee arrests.

2010	Hours Dedicated to NRPs	Monthly Cost
January	0	0
February	0	0
March	0	0
April	425	\$ 31,974.32
May	508	\$ 38,205.71
June	834	\$ 63,367.95
July	776	\$ 58,515.95
Total	2,543	\$ 192,063.93

Department of Health Services

Since February 2010, DHS has been reporting on the number of parolees that have been transferred directly from State prisons to DHS facilities. DHS received no new referrals from the CDCR in the month of August. On average, DHS has received two patients per month, which is consistent with past years before the implementation of the State's Early Release Program. Any increases previously noted in referrals are most likely due to better communication between CDCR and the DHS facilities.

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Please note that the parolees that have been released into DHS' care have supervising parole officers, therefore, they do not have NRP status. NRPs by definition are not assigned parole officers and are no longer monitored and/or supervised by a parole officer. DHS has not seen a drastic increase in parolees since the State started the Early Release Program in January 2010.

As mentioned in previous reports, DHS likely serves many additional parolees that were not directly referred by the State. If a parolee is released into the community by the State, he or she would have the ability to enter the DHS system just like any other Los Angeles County resident. Similar to all DHS patients, these parolees will be assessed for third-party payer sources and will be billed accordingly. DHS does not collect information regarding parole status because it is not a prerequisite to receive healthcare services and has no impact on DHS' billing processes. Therefore, DHS has no systemic way to track the number of parolees that have recently been released from the State.

Since changes in the State's Early Release Program do not appear to be affecting the average number of parolees directly transferred to DHS facilities and DHS has no mechanism to track any additional parolees served from the community, DHS respectfully requests that their department be excluded from future monthly reports. However, DHS will notify your Board if the department experiences a significant increase in parolee transfer volumes.

The CEO, Sheriff, and DMH will continue to monitor the status of the State's prison reform efforts and to provide your Board with updates on the financial impacts to the County of Los Angeles. Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer Jacqueline A. White, Public Safety, at (213) 893-2374.

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